



Democracy Badge Overview



Do you know what the word “government” means? It’s a big word for something important! When a group of people live together—in a town, city, state, or country—they follow rules. These rules, and the people who make the rules, are called the government. Find out more in this badge! When you’ve earned this badge, you will have learned about the people who work together in your government.

Badge Components

1. Find out about local government

Have you ever thought about what your local government does? The local government is responsible for a wide range of important services throughout your community. And without the local government we wouldn’t have clean water, trash collection, or even things like school!

- Watch this [video](#) to find out more about local governments. Then, use this [worksheet](#) to find what does or doesn’t belong!

2. Find out about state government

The governor is the elected leader of your state. With your parents’ help, write a letter to your governor—make sure to put in your letter what you love about your state and what you think is cool about their job.

- If you would like to actually send your letter, you can find the address to do so on your state’s website! This is a good time to ask any questions that you have for your governor.

3. Find out about national government

Do you know how the President gets their job? Watch this [video](#) to find out how the President is elected to their position.

Materials

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- [Local Departments Worksheet](#)

Florida Educational Standards

The content of all Girl Scout national proficiency Badges and Journeys have been correlated by grade level to national and state learning objectives.

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